PHILLIP BERENBROICK

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SUMMARY

Experienced policy lawyer and government affairs professional with nine years of direct engagement with Congressional offices, FCC, White House, NTIA, Department of Justice, state AGs, state legislatures, senior corporate executives, startups, trade associations, and public interest and civil rights groups on competition and consumer protection in the technology, media and entertainment, and telecommunications industries.

EMPLOYMENT

Washington, DC PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE 2019 - Present Policy Director Senior Policy Counsel 2016 - 2019Counsel, Government Affairs 2015 - 2016

- Advise Senate and House staff on legislation, agency oversight, and committee hearings on technology and telecommunications policy, intellectual property, antitrust, privacy, online platform issues, competition policy, administrative law, and merger reviews
- Lead organization advocacy at White House, FCC, NTIA, DOJ, SBA, and on Capitol Hill on broadband access and affordability, net neutrality, spectrum policy, and merger reviews; coordinate strategy with ally civil rights organizations, consumer advocates, and industry groups
- Lead internal policy teams on broadband infrastructure deployment, competition, net neutrality, spectrum policy, and internet platform regulation
- Develop and execute legislative and regulatory advocacy strategies; build relationships with key Capitol Hill offices, federal agency staff, and industry groups to position organization as go-to resource on issues
- Led negotiations for civil society groups with congressional staff, industry, and trade associations on major spectrum legislation proposed in 114th, 115th, and 116th Congresses
- Testified before House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on mobile broadband policy and wireless industry mergers, and Government Accountability Office panel on broadband market competition
- Supervise government affairs and legal staff; draft legal filings, press releases, op-eds, briefing memos, advocacy materials
- Routinely speak to press on behalf of organization, quoted in New York Times, Washington Post, Wired, Vox, The Verge, and numerous other publications; appeared on NPR and Bloomberg News
- Represent organization at high-profile conferences and policy panels across U.S. and abroad

INTERNET FREEDOM BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Washington, DC 2014 - 2015Policy Director

- Launched successful startup technology business coalition lobbying for strong, legally sustainable net neutrality rules
- Designed and executed successful issue advocacy strategy representing startup companies and venture capital investors on Capitol Hill, the FCC, and White House
- Advised member executives, attorneys, and lobbyists on legal, policy, regulatory, and political issues
- Served as subject matter expert for external government affairs team, including drafting op-eds and briefing materials; led regulatory advocacy at FCC

HOGAN LOVELLS Washington, DC 2012 - 2014Associate

- Advised clients on telecommunications, transportation consumer protection, and privacy regulatory matters and effect of FCC, state, and international rules on client products, services, and business plans
- Lead associate in representation of major automobile trade associations in FCC proceeding related to wireless infrastructure and spectrum policy for connected vehicles and smart infrastructure
- Represented nationwide wireless carrier on mobile broadband competition and spectrum regulatory issues, including FCC's broadcast television incentive auction; researched and drafted FCC comments and other regulatory filings

COMPUTER & COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Washington, DC 2010 – 2012

Public Policy & Regulatory Counsel

- Directed organization advocacy on net neutrality, cybersecurity, competition policy, and merger reviews
- Advised Congressional and FCC staff and member companies on legislation and regulations, coordinated advocacy efforts with industry and public interest groups, and drafted briefing memos and op-eds
- Led organization opposition to proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger; drafted FCC filings and briefed agency and congressional staff on likely merger harms to competition and innovation
- Drafted white paper on economic benefits of cloud computing adoption and recommending Congress and regulators adopt policies to promote availability of competitive and secure cloud services

THE HON. ZOE LOFGREN, U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC

Legal Fellow

2010

- Led office response to Comcast/NBCU merger; briefed senior staff on merger's likely effect on over-the-top video marketplace and drafted inquiries to FCC and DOJ
- Advised legislative counsel and drafted issue briefs and constituent correspondence on telecommunications and technology issues, credit card consumer protection, financial services reform, voting rights, and campaign finance issues

THE HON. KRISTEN AMUNDSON, Virginia House of Delegates

Alexandria & Richmond, VA

Campaign Manager

2007

Legislative Assistant

2005 - 2007

- Oversaw all aspects of Delegate's legislative office, including development and execution of legislative agenda, with primary focus on education and consumer protection issues; managed communications and constituent outreach
- Drafted and successfully lobbied for adoption of legislation prohibiting knowingly misleading registered voters to impede voting, making in-state college tuition available for Virginia-based military families, and preventing price gouging of essential goods and services during times of emergency
- Directed Delegate's re-election campaign, including drafting campaign plan; developing and implementing field, fundraising, and communications strategies; recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers
- Liased with local and state Democratic Party organizations, community groups, and organized labor

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL

Philadelphia, PA

Juris Doctor

2010

- East Asia Law Review, American Constitution Society, Pennsylvania Innocence Project, Legislative Clinic
- Attended University of Virginia School of Law for 2007-2008 Academic Year

TUFTS UNIVERSITY Medford, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

District of Columbia Bar, Virginia State Bar, Federal Communications Bar Association, Sports Fans Coalition, Sports Fans Coalition New York